

**INCREASE TO THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF GAMING PERMITS ISSUED  
FOR RAFFLES CONDUCTED BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS**

The Board of County Commissioners supports increased efforts by the local charitable organizations in Frederick County to raise funds for use in the community as opposed to using taxpayer dollars to achieve the same results. The Board is respectfully requesting an amendment to state gaming legislation allowing for an increase in the amount of annual raffles that may be held by these organizations.

Current state law permits a qualified organization to have a maximum of six (6) raffles in any one calendar year with the following stipulations:

- no more than one in which the major prize has a value of more than \$5,000; and
- no more than five raffles for which the prize drawings are held on a single day and in which the major prize has a value of \$5,000 or less.

The County Commissioners respectfully request the law to be amended in one of two options. The first would be to allow the Board of County Commissioners to set by county ordinance the annual limit on how many raffles a charitable organization may hold. This is how several counties (Kent, Queen Anne's, Worcester) currently operate under Title 13 Gaming in the Criminal Law Article of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*.

The other option would be to request the annual limit of 6 raffles a year to expand to a limit of 12 raffles per year. This is how several other counties (Montgomery, Harford) currently operate under Title 13 Gaming in the Criminal Law Article of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*.

**BOCC vote on inclusion in the 2011 Legislative Package: 4-0.**  
**(Voting Yes: Commissioners Young, Smith, Shreve & Delauter. Commissioner Gray absent.)**

## MEDIA ADVISORY

The Frederick Board of County Commissioners will meet with the Frederick County Delegation on Thursday, December 9, at 7:00 a.m. to discuss 2011 legislative issues. The meeting was previously scheduled for 7:30 a.m.

The meeting will take place at the lounge at Holly Hills Country Club, 5502 Mussetter Road, Ijamsville, Md., and is open to the public and media.

→ A copy of the county's legislative package may be found at [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/legispack](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/legispack).

Visit the county legislative affairs webpage ([www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/legislative](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/legislative)) for a one-stop citizen resource on legislative affairs, a listing of the Maryland General Assembly, delegation members and a convenient method to contact all five commissioners with one e-mail.

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